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A RESOLUTION To commend Mark Andrew Bush for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, Each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Mark Andrew Bush is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Kent; Mark's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislator he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mark Bush is the son of Dr. Andrew J. Bush and Mrs. Roberta Bush and is a 1989 graduate of Bartlett High School; he earned an Associate's Degree from Shelby State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Between high school graduation and his enrollment at Shelby State, Mr. Bush served in the United States Army and the Tennessee Army National Guard for 8-1/2 years; during his exemplary military service he was stationed in Germany at the end of the Cold War and spent three years in various parts of Europe; helped train Tennessee Army National Guard units for operations in California and "Reforger" in Germany; was awarded the Expert Infantry Badge, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Ribbon and other awards; and was honorably discharged in 1998, with the rank of Sergeant in the Infantry; and

WHEREAS, A student at the University of Memphis, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mark has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science/Pre-Law and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Bush brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2001 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 2001 legislative session, Mark has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; he was elected Intern Speaker by his peers for the First Session of the 102nd General Assembly and convened the first Mock Session in the history of the Tennessee Internship Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Mark Andrew Bush for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Kent and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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